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Bismarck Man Sentenced for Tax Evasion

BISMARCK - Acting United States Attorney Lynn C. Jordheim announced that on September 28, 2009, **Donald R. Glasser**, 50, of Bismarck, North Dakota, pleaded guilty and was sentenced before United States District Court Chief Judge Daniel L. Hovland on a charge of tax evasion.

Judge Hovland sentenced Glasser to serve four years and three months in federal prison, to be followed by two years of supervised release. The determination of restitution was deferred until civil administrative proceedings with the IRS have been resolved. Glasser was ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation. IRS Criminal Investigation St. Paul Field Office Acting Special Agent in Charge, Julio LaRosa commented, "The prosecution of individuals who intentionally conceal income and evade taxes is a vital element in maintaining public confidence in our tax system. Tax compliance should be shared by all Americans."

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From 2003 through 2006, Glasser served as the business manager/controller of Westcon, Inc., and Power Industries, Inc. As controller, Glasser had sole access to the accounting books and records of these businesses. As Power Industries, Inc., would bill Westcon, Inc., for salaries and other expenses, Glasser would inflate the invoices by a few thousand dollars and pocket the excess money. Glasser also cut company checks to a bogus business that he created, Properties, LLC, and deposited the funds to its bank account that he had opened. Glasser used the funds for personal investments in real estate, investments and vehicles, including purchasing properties in Bismarck and Oskaloosa, Iowa, and investing in ethanol ventures in Wyoming and Richardton, North Dakota. Glasser also reimbursed himself from the company's account for personal expenses that he charged off as business expenses. Glasser admitted to embezzling \$1,223,000 in 2003; \$478,000 in 2004; \$328,000 in 2005; and \$2,024,010 in 2006. None of the misappropriated funds were reported on Glasser's income tax returns from 2003 through 2006.

Assistant United States Attorney Cameron Hayden prosecuted the case.

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